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### REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 7-12 and 23-27 are allowed. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 21, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,853,524 issued to Yamaguchi et al. either alone or in combination with other secondary references. Although Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-6, 21, and 22, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-6, 21, and 22 without prejudice in order to expedite the allowance of this application. Accordingly, only allowed claims 7-12 and 23-27 are now pending, and this application is in immediate condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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